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TO: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Education Teachers/ FFA Advisors

FROM: ***Robin C. McLean, State FFA Specialist***

RE: State Convention Update

Countdown to the 76th New Jersey State FFA Convention continues! If you have not returned your advisor statement of assurance form for convention, please fax it to the Office of Agricultural Education by Monday, May 16, 2005.

BLUE JACKET PRESENTATION

The 2004-2005 officer team implemented the Blue Jackets-Bright Futures Jacket Program and are excited to be making the first round of jacket presentations during the opening session of the 76th State FFA Convention. Sixteen members will receive new FFA Jackets.

SPECIAL CONVENTION GUESTS

This year, we are fortunate to have several special guests joining us for convention. Please encourage your students to reach out to these special convention attendees and make them feel welcome.

- **EMILY HORTON – NATIONAL FFA SECRETARY**
Emily will be at convention from Monday night through Thursday afternoon. Take the opportunity to find out about her experiences during her year of service thus far.
- **MAUDE DAHME - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER – SESSION I**
- **STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE MEMBERS**
State Board of Agriculture members will be joining us during the second convention session, eating lunch with our members, and then conducting their May board meeting in Hickman Hall 101. Find out more about the board members at <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sboa/sboa.htm>
- **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION –BUREAU OF PROGRAM REVIEW**
Thursday morning during Session V, five – eight staff members from the Department of Education Bureau of Program Review will be attending convention to see your members and a state level vocational organization student conference.

DELEGATE PACKETS

Delegate packets have been sent via e-mail and can also be found at http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_ed/events.htm.

CONVENTION BANQUET

Wednesday evening will feature the Team Agricultural Education Recognition Banquet in Neilson Dining Hall. The first place ceremonies team will conduct the opening and closing ceremonies for this banquet where New Jersey FFA Alumni Officers, Foundation Board Members, Advisory Council Members, and the Agricultural Education Association Executive Committee will be recognized for their support of New Jersey FFA.

PACKING FOR CONVENTION

Members and advisors must bring their own:

- a. Towels & soap
- b. Sleeping bag or sheets, blankets and a pillow
- c. Appropriate clothing for recreation
- d. Official FFA Dress (see FFA manual)
- e. Other personal items

*****Please note*****

Due to registration numbers, NO preliminary competitions for Creed, 3-5 minute, 6-8 minute or Extemporaneous public speaking will be held on Tuesday, May 24.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005

- 1) **Nominating Committee Orientation**, Hickman Hall, Room 117, 1:00 pm
- 2) **Registration**, Nicholas Dorm, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- 3) **Portable Exhibit Set-Up**, Hickman Hall, 1st Floor Hallway, 4:00-5:00 pm
- 4) **State Officer Candidates Exam**, Hickman Hall, Room 115, 4:00 pm
- 5) **Star State Placement Candidate and State Farmer Candidate Interviews**, Hickman Hall, Room 131, 5:40 pm
- 6) **The following applications will be judged at 6:00 pm in Room 114 – please drop off in Hickman Hall, Room 114, prior to 6:00 pm**
 1. Agricultural Awareness
 2. Chapter Secretary's Book
 3. Chapter Treasurer's Book
- 7) **The following applications will be judged at 6:00 pm in Rooms 115 – please drop off in Hickman Hall, Room 115, prior to 6:00 pm**
 1. Public Relations
 2. Chapter Scrapbook
- 8) **Landscape Design**
 1. Set-up, Hickman Hall, Room 123, 4:00 pm
 2. Judging, Hickman Hall, Room 123, 6:00 pm
- 9) **State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Meeting**, Hickman Hall, Room 117, 6:00 pm
- 10) **Student Leadership Workshop – “Holla if You Hear Me”** with Mr. Corey Flournoy, Hickman Hall, Room 101, 6:00 pm.
- 11) **Official Ceremonies Career Development Event** - Hickman Hall, Room 127, 6:00 pm
- 12) **Courtesy Corps Meeting** with Chris Nnadi, Hickman Hall, Room 138, 6:00 pm
- 13) **Agricultural Education Teacher/FFA Advisor/Chaperone Meeting**, Hickman Hall, Room 119, 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005 (continued)

14) Ag Science Fair, Hickman Hall, 6:00 pm

1. Room 112- Division IV (Grades 7, 8, 9) Individual
2. Room 113 – Div. II (Grades 10, 11, 12) Individual & Div. IV (Grades 10, 11, 12) Team

15) Delegates Meeting with Heather White and Rebecca Schnetzer, Hickman Hall, Room 138, 6:45 pm (*Delegates please sit near the door during the leadership workshop and quietly dismiss yourselves to attend the delegate meeting*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005

Contestants will be dismissed to events from Session II - 8:30 am

- ~~///~~ **Creed CDE**, Hickman Hall, Room 119 (Holding Room, Hickman 115)
- ~~///~~ **3-5 Minute Public Speaking**, Hickman Hall, Room 138 (Holding Room, Hickman 131)
- ~~///~~ **6-8 Minute Public Speaking**, Hickman Hall, Room 101 (Holding Room, Hickman 112)
- ~~///~~ **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**, Hickman Hall, Room 127, (Holding Room 130/ Prep Room 129)

Afternoon - 1:00 pm

- ~~///~~ **Tractor Driving CDE**, Lot 98B, Cook College- **Participants Only**
- ~~///~~ **Job Interview CDE**, Hickman Hall, Room 129 (Follow-up Room, Hickman 130)
- ~~///~~ **Parliamentary Procedure CDE**, Hickman Hall, Room 123 (Holding Rooms, Hickman 112 and 113)
- ~~///~~ **Individual Demonstration Event**, Hickman Hall, Room 114 (Holding Room, Hickman 115)
- ~~///~~ **Team Demonstration Event**, Hickman Hall, Room 119 (Holding Room, Hickman 131)

**2004-2005 CONVENTION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
(FOLLOWING SESSION 3 AT ~3:30)**

Committee	Chair	Teacher (s)	Room
Constitution & Bylaws/POA	Heather White	C. Lowe C. Von Thun	131
CDE/ Hort Expo Review and Evaluation	Mike De Vito	E. Zukus L. Neyhart	127
Membership & Chapter Relations/ State Leadership Activities	Erica Runge	M. Paterson K. Mayberry	112
State FFA Applications	Rebecca Schnetzer	J. Rudderow K. McKee	114
State Convention Review	TBA	P. Fanella C. Hetrick	115



STATE FFA CONVENTION CORRELATION TO NEW JERSEY CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS

STANDARD	STANDARD STATED	ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS SUPPORTING STANDARD
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS		
1.4 CRITIQUE	All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.	/// All Career Development Events (CDE)
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION		
2.2 INTEGRATED SKILLS	All students will use health-enhancing personal, interpersonal and life skills to support a healthy active lifestyle.	/// Recreation
LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY		
3.1 READING	All students will understand and apply the knowledge of sounds, letters, and words in written English to become independent and fluent readers, and will read a variety of materials and texts with fluency and comprehension.	/// State Convention Program /// College displays /// Handouts in Leadership Workshop
3.3 SPEAKING	All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.	/// Career Development Events /// Delegate Business Sessions /// Committee Meetings /// Interaction with FFA members from the 35 chapters throughout New Jersey /// Courtesy Corps participation
3.4 LISTENING	All students will listen actively to information from a variety of sources in a variety of situations.	/// State Convention Sessions /// Delegate Business Sessions /// Committee Meetings /// Leadership Workshop /// Interaction with FFA members from the 35 chapters throughout New Jersey /// Courtesy Corps participation

SCIENCE		
5.1 SCIENTIFIC PROCESSES	All students will develop problem-solving, decision-making and inquiry skills, reflected by formulating usable questions and hypotheses, planning experiments, conducting systematic observations, interpreting and analyzing data, drawing conclusions and communicating results.	/// All Career Development Events (CDE)

SOCIAL STUDIES**		
6.2 CIVICS	All students will know, understand and appreciate the values and principles of American democracy and the rights, responsibilities and roles of a citizen in the nation and the world.	/// Delegate Process (voting on constitutional changes for the organization, participating in debate) /// State Officer Election Process /// Courtesy Corps

CAREER EDUCATION AND CONSUMER, FAMILY AND LIFE SKILLS		
9.1 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	All students will develop career awareness and planning, employability skills and foundational knowledge necessary for success in the workplace.	/// Collegiate Displays /// Activities based on Supervised Agricultural Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Degree Speakers ○ Proficiency Awards ○ State Degree /// Convention Speakers /// Interaction with State Board of Agriculture Members
9.2 CONSUMER, FAMILY AND LIFE SKILLS	All students will demonstrate critical life skills in order to be successful members of society.	/// All Career Development Events (CDE) /// Leadership Workshop /// State Convention Sessions /// Courtesy Corps